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SUBJECT: INVITATION EXTENDED TO SECRETARY'S NARCOTICS
ADVISED TO VISIT HUNGARY

REFERENCE: BUDAPEST 2712 AND PREVIOUS

1. HUNGARIAN CHARGE KOVACS MADE A BRIEF CALL ON AMBASSADOR VANCE AUGUST 18 TO EXTEND THE EXPECTED INVITATION TO VISIT HUNGARY. AMBASSADOR VANCE WELCOMED IT IN PRINCIPAL, AND STATED HE WOULD SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO HUNGARY (PERHAPS JUST BEFORE A NOVEMBER 9-10 CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN). HE WOULD OFFER KOVACS SEVERAL DATES TO PASS TO SZALAI, AS SOON AS HIS SCHEDULE IS CLARIFIED. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KOVACS TO INQUIRE WHAT THE MINIMUM USEFUL DURATION OF A WORKING VISIT TO HUNGARY WOULD BE.

2. AMBASSADOR VANCE ASKED KOVACS HOW THIS INVITATION AND THE ONE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ACREE RECEIVED WERE RELATED. KOVACS SAID SZALAI HAD HOPED BOTH COMMISSIONER ACREE AND AMB. VANCE WOULD BE IN VIENNA FOR A SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE.
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ENCE, BUT BOTH ARE WELCOME TO COME TO HUNGARY SEPARATELY.

VANCE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT ACREE BUT THAT HE
HIMSELF WAS NOT ATTENDING A MEETING IN VIENNA AT THAT TIME
AND WAS SORRY HE PERSONALLY COULD NOT SCHEDULE A SEPTEMBER
VISIT TO HUNGARY.

3. KOVACS STATED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED BY POUCH A
LENGTHY REPORT ON THE SZALAI VISIT TO THE U.S., AND
THE CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT THE VISIT HERE HAD BEEN
QUOTE VERY, VERY USEFUL END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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